

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) An access floor panel comprising a metal frame and at least one gasket,

wherein the metal frame has a peripheral edge that includes a flange portion spaced outwardly from a rib portion, and

wherein said at least one gasket extends around the periphery of said panel and comprises a first portion that engages said peripheral edge and is located between the flange portion and the rib portion and a flexible and resilient sealing portion extending downward from the first portion beyond the flange portion, the first portion having a top U-shaped portion that engages and surrounds a top edge of the rib portion of the peripheral edge of the panel, and the sealing portion forms a lowermost portion of the gasket defined by a convex sealing surface located below the flange portion.

18. (Previously Presented) An access floor panel according to claim 17 wherein the flange portion and the rib portion each have a substantially vertical portion in use and form a channel therebetween, said first portion of said at least one gasket being located in said channel.

19. (Previously Presented) An access floor panel according to claim 17 wherein the first portion forcibly engages the rib portion.

20-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) An access floor panel according to claim 17, wherein the convex ~~portion~~sealing surface has a convex outer surface and a corresponding concave inner surface.

29. (Currently Amended) An access floor panel according to claim 28, wherein the convex ~~portion~~sealing surface has a substantially constant thickness.

30-31. (Canceled)